

# Social Studies Tech News



## NEW FOR YOU!

There's a new document scanner in room 508! (Connected to the middle computer) Feed your document into the scanner, follow the on-screen directions. Then **SAVE** your document as a PDF for easy e-mailing and sharing!

Microsoft Word 2010 is here! If you would like to set your favorite fonts, layout, or margins, use those little downward arrows in the toolbar at the top of the page you're working on, choose your settings and **SET** as default.

## What's going on in YOUR class?

Good ol' Power Point is still really useful! The 2010 version has many new features that make your presentations come to life!

Let me know how **YOU'RE** using technology and I'll give you a shout out!

## Hey Smarty Smartboard User...

- If you use your SmartBoard often, even if you just use it to write notes, you can **SAVE** your board as a PDF file, then print it or post it to your e-board for your students
- SmartTech.com hosts a "SMART EXCHANGE" where creative educators post their interactive Smartboard lessons. Visit their site: <http://exchange.smarttech.com>, create a login and password and then access many useful (and not so useful) interactive lessons! Yay!

## Steps for Showing a YouTube Video

*(You must request access first from Tech Support!)*

1. Go to Shared Folders→ District Wide→ Other →You Tube
2. *Prior to viewing with students*, you can search the YouTube application to find appropriate *educational* videos. To find a video, simply type a word or phrase in the search box and click the search button. You can preview the video from within the application.
3. Once you have selected an appropriate video, you can click on the **Save this video for later** button. This will put a file in your home directory in a folder called "YouTube."
4. If you would like to embed the video in a SMART Notebook file, click on the **Download video for use in SMART Notebook** link. If you see a dialogue box, click the Run button.
5. You will need one of the FLV files for SMART Notebook. The number to the right of the link refers to the quality of the video. The higher number is a larger file and a higher quality video. Click on one of the Download FLV links. A dialogue box will appear. Click save. Save the file to your desktop.
6. Open SMART Notebook. Minimize the screen so that you can see your desktop and the file.
7. Drag the FLV file to the SMART Notebook window.
8. You can now resize the video by dragging the circle in the lower right hand corner of the video. You can also move the video around the screen.

**TRY IT! Let me know what you think!**